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There Once Was a Forest





KENDALL'S CORNER

Giving Back...

To save special places in the years ahead, we know we need a lot more people who consider themselves conservationists.

So, we are helping to raise them ourselves. With Eagle Eye Institute and Youth Build USA, we have a new pilot program to prepare young people for careers in "green" industries — combining outdoor exploration with skill-building sessions, stewardship projects, and fun. This year, we'll be offering "Learn About Forests" programs at Copicut Woods, Notchview, and the Tully Lake Campground for youth from Brockton, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, Boston, and Cambridge.

Eagle Eye has inspiring leadership, a proven program model, and, like us, they are passionately committed to sharing the resources and sharing the values. They provide outdoor leadership experiences for urban youth of color, and have been working for eight years with YouthBuild, a national education and job training program for underserved young people.

To protect our natural and cultural heritage in the years ahead, we need to start sharing it *now*, with everyone, particularly people in urban areas who often have little access to natural lands. Our partnership with Eagle Eye and Youth Build helps us to make that connection.

And though stewardship is all about giving back, it's remarkable what you get in return. One of our superintendents said that teaching youth from Eagle Eye was the most rewarding day he'd had all year. "If everything they are seeing that day is new to them, how couldn't that be a revelation for me, too?"

Want your chance to give back? Eagle Eye's annual hike-a-thon on September 16 is a great way to meet some new people, spend a day in the woods, and help raise funds to support our partnership. (SEE PAGE 16 FOR DETAILS.)

Want some more chances? On October 28, we are bringing back our annual celebration of stewardship: Conservation Works! We've got projects for all abilities (SEE PAGE 12), and we also need volunteers to sign people in and cheer them on.

If you don't consider yourself a "conservationist," if your kids don't think they like "work," you might be tempted to skip it. But you will miss out on a lot of fun, because caring for a place you love *feels good*.

Sign up early, activities fill up fast. And if you bring your kids, which we hope you will, we promise to leave 'em tired and happy.

Andy Kendall
PRESIDENT

ON THE COVER: Swift River Reservation, Petersham

We are over 100,000 people like you who want to protect the places they love or who simply like to be outdoors.

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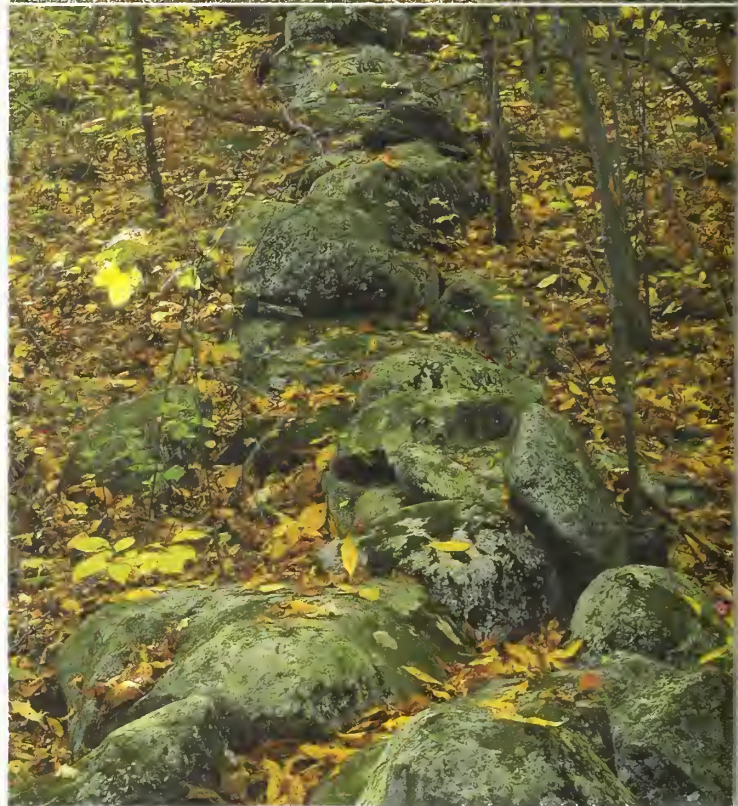
By Ethan Nedeau

AS A CHILD, I WAS CAPTIVATED BY STORIES OF GREAT ADVENTURES IN the natural world. I've never forgotten Stuart Little's ride down the river on a poplar leaf, Max's journey among the Wild Things, or James' voyage in the giant peach. With my first child now the size of a peach, weekend hikes with my wife have become a chance to recall these and other great childhood stories so we can pass them along in a fashion that would make our parents and grandparents proud. Stories that teach morality, humility, and heroism told in an engaging way so that children never forget the details and characters.

As an environmentalist and storyteller, I am aware of so many compelling tales that exist in my backyard, with real heroes and villains, epic battles, and moral lessons that I want my child to know. I feel fortunate to have read Tom Wessels' *Reading the Forested Landscape* on the eve of fatherhood because its ecological lessons have inspired me to think more deeply about my surroundings, but even more relevant, have given me a new cast of characters for classic stories. Story time will be a jaunt through a local conservation area; my child will come to revere elder beech trees, nurture chestnut seedlings, scorn woolly adelgids and multiflora rose, and learn the language of the forest.

Reading the Forested Landscape is a storytelling guidebook to New England. A forest is rife with clues about its past, and through careful observation and some basic knowledge of plants and history, anyone can learn to tell a forest's story. The recent history (400 years) of New England's forests is marked by dramatic change caused by humans, natural disturbance, and natural disasters, from pasturing and logging to blights and beavers to fire and hurricanes. Each disturbance leaves telltale clues on the landscape for decades or centuries. Tom Wessels helps people discover these clues and piece together the natural and cultural history of a forest.

The tales are both sad and inspiring. Native Americans in southern New England once sauntered below a magnificent canopy of American chestnut trees, some of which reached 10 feet in diameter and 130 feet tall. I can envision these natural cathedrals, and wish to flit among the canopy like a luna moth, but these places have all but vanished from the landscape. Along with the diseases that ravaged the Native Americans, settlers brought invasive species and forest pathogens. The chestnut blight disease, introduced in the early 1900s, killed nearly all American chestnuts in North America. Today, the only evidence that these legends once existed is the rot-resistant stumps and logs that have persisted since before my grandfather went off to war, and the few trees that somehow weathered the blight. Remarkably, young chestnut trees still persist, offspring of the ancient giants that grow until their bark begins to furrow and the blight kills them, but not before they store enough



Look deeply for the stories...A massive elder statesman never impeded by neighbors (top), a pasture gone back to forest not so long ago (bottom), and former fencing framing a stand of distant young trees (right).



energy in their roots to send up new sprouts. The strength to endure comes from the roots — what more could a parent want to impress upon a child?

Reading the forest strengthens our sense of place and time and connects us to our history. Stone walls that gather moss under the cool shade of pines and hemlocks remind us that the forest was once a field for crops or livestock, but these fields were abandoned at least as long ago as the oldest trees. Old stone foundations, collapsing from the weight of centuries, remind us of the families that once occupied the land. The plants they brought with them from distant places are often still growing near the homestead, such as lilacs and apple trees. My thoughts hearken back to those families when I happen upon their abandoned dwellings, and I imagine their satisfaction with toiling to make their homes, planting crops, and enjoying their subsistence lives. That type of living is archaic and long forgotten to most of us, but the subtle reminders on the landscape provide valuable lessons on how strong and independent we can be.

For years I was a doom-and-gloom environmentalist and was afraid to bring a child into such an uncertain world. How could I impart lessons of strength and courage to a child when I carried the weight of the world on my shoulders? But one thing I've learned, and I believe that Tom Wessels would agree with, is that a forest is as much a process as a place. Just as we value a forest for its structure, we should also value it for its ability to change and adapt. Some species will inevitably disappear in the process, and for that we should be sad, but we will always need people to stay optimistic and work for positive change. We need look no further than chestnut seedlings for inspiration: they persist with proud defiance of the changes we wrought, hoping for disease resistance and an opportunity to regain their rightful place in New England's landscape. This is the story I will tell my child.

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THERE ONCE WAS A FOREST...

Reading Copicut Woods

By Ethan Nedeau

PASSING FALL RIVER ON THE I-195 BRIDGE — 15 MINUTES from Copicut Woods — I was beginning to envision an island in a suburban landscape. But before long I was on a narrow country lane, admiring old homes and stone walls, and soon reached a gravel parking area where I felt like I had stepped into another world. Copicut Woods is not an island at all, but the southern gateway to the 13,600-acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, a massive expanse of conservation land sandwiched between Fall River and New Bedford. Level terrain and well-maintained trails make it an ideal place for a leisurely walk, and the new, hand-hewn timber frame education shelter is a great spot for a picnic.

I met Linton Harrington, outreach and education coordinator at Copicut Woods, and Katie McMahon, our photographer for the day, to walk the trails and read stories of the landscape. Linton was a student of Tom Wessels at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, New Hampshire, and now passes on his insight as a field naturalist to hundreds of visitors each year, particularly young children. It was wonderful to soak in the sights and sounds of Copicut Woods, guided by Linton's

ABOVE: Linton Harrington, Outreach and Education Coordinator at Copicut Woods, gauges the ages of these young trees.

BELOW: Seizing the sunlight — new growth springs to life around this newly felled tree.

knowledge and enthusiasm. I felt like we were on a scavenger hunt, gathering evidence of the history of the area (although Linton already knew where to look).

Here is some of what we found:

- **STONE WALLS** crisscross the forest and line the overgrown lanes that once led to homesteads. These walls bordered pastures and kept livestock from wandering into neighbors' fields — we know this because of the size of the stones used and the height of the walls. The stones were all "two-handers" (some more like eight to ten really strong hands); the smaller stones had been left in the fields. If the fields were cultivated, small stones would also have been removed to make the soil more tillable.
- **WOLF TREES** are large trees with thick, low-branching limbs that grow in a sunny place free from competition for light. Old wolf trees often occur among dense stands of smaller trees where light competition is fierce: by determining the age of the smaller trees, you can estimate the amount of time that has elapsed since the forest was a pasture.
- **EVIDENCE OF LOGGING** came in the form of flat-topped stumps; scars on the base of trees caused by skidding of logs; and trees with multiple trunks that had sprouted from a stump. The latter only occurs with broad-leaved deciduous trees such as oak, maple, and chestnut.
- **BLOWDOWNS** are common throughout this forest, and in many instances, the trees here fell in the same direction with their tops pointing toward the north and west. This is a clear indication that the trees were toppled by a strong windstorm blowing from the southeast — probably the 1938 hurricane that ravaged forests throughout southern and central New England.
- **"PILLOW AND CRADLE" TOPOGRAPHY** can be seen on the forest floor; this arises when a tree is uprooted and creates a small depression where the roots had been (a cradle) and an adjacent mound where the roots and soil are left (a pillow).

Many other clues about the history of the landscape await discovery at Copicut Woods. Plan to spend a few hours wandering the trails; immerse yourself and remain mindful of the people who enjoyed this place centuries ago. Lay in the sun against one of Copicut Wood's solid stone walls, close your eyes, and imagine the last 400 years of history condensed into a 5-minute daydream.

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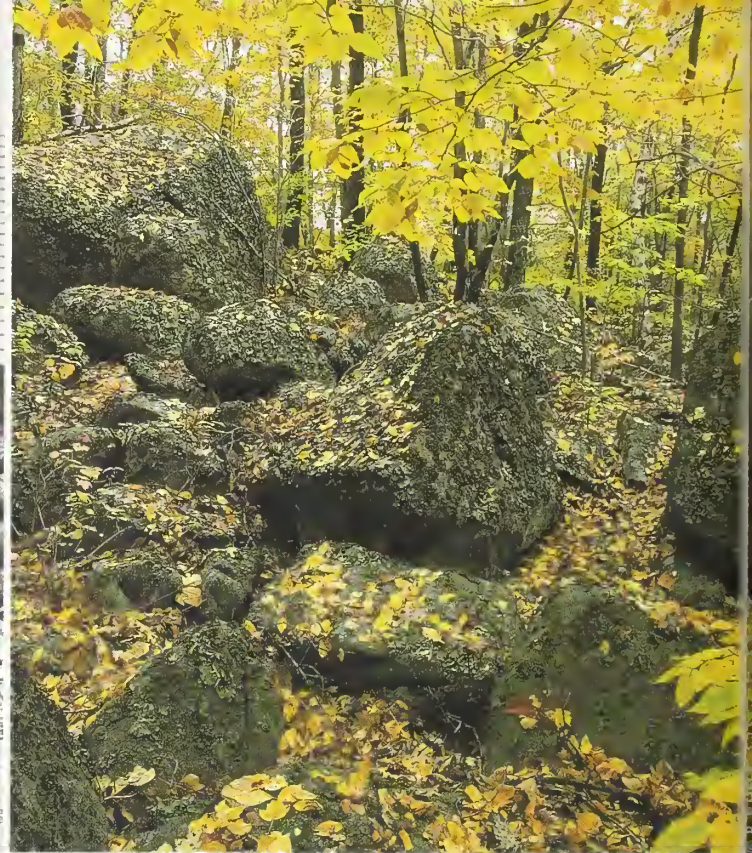
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The Hermit of Ravenswood

By Liz Nelson

BIRD CALLS PUNCTUATE THE AIR WHILE THE HUM OF A bee provides a soothing song. Only the train whistle permeates the serenity of Ravenswood Park, much the way it must have done for the “Hermit of Gloucester” a century ago. Mason Walton — the Hermit — hardly needed the distant reminder of another world. The world came to him. About 4,000 visitors a year enjoyed the “agreeable and cultured conversationalist,” wrote the *Gloucester Daily Times* immediately after his death. Visitors, drawn by his nature writings, “were charmed by his delightful simplicity yet thorough knowledge of...and remarkable acquaintance with plants, trees and birds.” And several times a week, he walked into town for supplies, to stop at the library, or to work at one of his many odd jobs. Mostly,

though, he rambled through his beloved woods and perched on the periphery of clearings...and watched.

A Maine native, Walton moved to Boston when the pharmaceutical company where he worked as an accountant relocated there. His health began to suffer, and he feared he had tuberculosis. “I resembled the living skeleton of a dime show,” he would later write. Doctors advised him “to go into the woods and try life in a pine grove,” but first Walton sought “a salt water cure.” In the summer of 1884, he boarded a steamboat bound for Gloucester, hoping to find work on a fishing schooner. No skipper would have him — so he followed his doctor’s advice after all. He “turned to the hills” and pitched his tent “surrounded by pine groves.”

By year's end, he had built himself a cabin close to Old Salem Road, which in colonial days had served as the main link between Salem and Gloucester. Still bearing the same name, the road is now one of the main trails traversing the 600 acres of Ravenswood Park. And next to this road a plaque commemorates the spot where Walton's cabin once stood.

Within weeks of settling in the woods that would be his home for the next 33 years, nature had cured Mason Walton; he would live to age 79. He spent only three months of the year in his cabin, preferring to sleep in a hammock under a canvas roof. "To be in full accord with nature," he wrote, "one should get accustomed to the presence of a snake now and then, in the open-air bed." Mosquitoes were another story; he shielded himself from those with cheesecloth netting.

In his early years here, he captured many small animals to better study them. Among them was Satan, the "artful raccoon," who escaped a few months later. The Hermit also took in wounded creatures, such as his song-sparrow, Wabbles, whose behavior he recorded in detail. He watched as Wabbles "set up a singing-school and trained his boys to sing the mating-song of his species." He observed that the white-footed mice, who shared his cabin in the winter months (and occasionally shredded his papers), were mute and communicated "by drumming with their toes." The Hermit derided Mr. Chewink, husband of a towhee he befriended, as a "lazy, good-for-nothing, shiftless fellow," observing that he carried "not even a feather...to the new home." On the other hand, Bismarck, his favorite red squirrel, he regarded as "quick-witted and resourceful." He watched with delight as Bismarck filled a "winter storehouse" at the base of a pine with first hazelnuts then beechnuts and acorns.

"To be in full accord with nature, one should get accustomed to the presence of a snake now and then, in the open-air bed."

In the later 1880s, Walton began to contribute articles to a weekly journal, *Forest and Stream* (precursor to *Field and Stream*). He signed as "The Hermit," a name by which townspeople had begun to call him. The Hermit's conversational and knowledgeable writing had wide appeal, and soon letters asking for more information began to arrive from all over the country. Visitors followed, from near and far, drawn by the Hermit's "never-varying cheerfulness"—eager to meet the man who insisted that "a coon can reason as well as the average human being" and that "birds [are] as intelligent in relation to the needs in their lives as we are to our lives." *The Boston Globe* referred to him in a feature story as "one of the best known recluses in New England, if not the country."

The Hermit's careful observations and conclusions appeared in 1903 in his book *The Hermit's Wild Friends or Eighteen Years in the Woods*. He dedicated it "to the lovers of nature, everywhere."

Nature lovers continue to be drawn to Ravenswood Park. Paths wander past boulders, midst white pines, hemlocks, birches, and oaks, and past clusters of mountain laurels. Boardwalks cross Great Magnolia Swamp, where luxurious moss shares space with giant ferns, and irises splash purple into the mix. Descendants of Wabbles, Chewink, and Bismarck frequent this place, and the spirit of the Hermit permeates all.

Liz Nelson is the author of Right Here: 52 Places to Visit North of Boston (2002) and Concord: Stories To Be Told (2002).

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SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN

A Questing

LIKE LIFE, A QUEST IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION. Just ask Steve Glazer.

A product of a roving childhood that included formative years in a cookie-cutter house in the sprawling suburbs of Hollywood, Florida, this self-proclaimed “treasure hunt guy” and “Curious George” felt out of place. Steve’s journey took him to Union College and then the University of Chicago in search of English degrees; to Colorado to be Director of Continuing Education at Naropa Institute; to a friend’s ranch in Arizona to write *The Heart of Learning* (a book on place-based education); and finally to Vital Communities in Vermont to become Coordinator of the Valley Quest program. He works with schools, community groups, and individuals in the Upper Valley region of Vermont and New Hampshire (and beyond) to develop Quests, or sense-of-place treasure hunts. The twist, as Steve puts it, is that “the treasure box is a decoy that lures folks to the real treasures — the richness of places, and deep sharing of experience.”

Six years and more than 100 Quests later, he is home, sharing Boscoberry Brook, Spockers Island, the four-trunked tree, and a garden with his wife and

Steve Glazer will hold a Questing workshop at The Trustees’ Moose Hill Farm in Sharon on October 20-22. Call 781.784.0567 x7000 for details.



FIND YOUR QUEST...

1 The Miraculous Tree

www.vitalcommunities.org/ValleyQuest/VirtualQuest2.htm

Still wondering what you may find on a Quest, both at the end and along the way? Then check out this virtual Quest put together by Vital Communities. Direct from your computer, go to the link above and just hit the “next” button to get the look and feel of the Quest experience, and follow the clues to a true treasure from the past.

2 The Hermit’s Haven

RAVENSWOOD PARK, Gloucester
On this Quest, the Hermit’s story will unfold. Traverse pine and hemlock groves, investigate a mystery den, spy a lighthouse, and get to know Mason Walton — the Hermit who once lived in this haven with his wild friends. Quest clues available at the parking lot kiosk. Allow 2-hour. FREE to all; on-site donation welcome from nonmembers.

We Will Go

By Anne Donovan

daughters. “My kids are in tune with the seasons and their cycles, which is part of what was missing for me growing up.”

The Valley Quest program grew out of the work of the League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley, who after looking at 20 years of change in their region asked, “Will we still want to live here 20 years from now?” They adopted the Quest program to help people get to know their community and share it with others. The Quests are based on a 150-year-old English tradition of “letterboxing,” where people leave their calling cards for fellow letterboxers to find by following clues.

“There’s a process you go through with a Quest — the more time you take, the better your connection,” explains Steve. “People who create a Quest move quickly into a deep relationship with these places and a real sense of ownership.”

To make a Quest, first you find the place you want to explore and go there to see what you see, hear, smell, and feel. Second, do the research — check out field guides and any written

materials on the area. Third, ask questions of local experts and elders. The order is important, especially for children. “Through experience kids develop a sense of wonder, which allows them to have a real dialogue when they ask the questions,” says Steve.

After you know your place, draw a map, write the clues (often in verse), and make a treasure box for the Quest’s end. Typically, the box includes a sign-in book, a unique rubber stamp, and an ink pad so Questers can leave their mark and take a stamp. The Quest invites everyone to explore and connect with the environment or culture of your place.

“A lot of people don’t know how, or where, to go out and explore,” explains Steve. “A Quest is a very specific invitation to help people make that first step in connecting with their community, and the places that make it a special place to live.”

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3 Meander Menemsha

MENEMSHA HILLS RESERVATION,
Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard

From rocky shore to seaside bluffs, this Quest connects the natural surroundings and history of the north shore of Martha's Vineyard. Climb to the island's second highest peak and see where Mr. Bliss left his mark while marveling at the breathtaking views. Quest clues available at entrance bulletin board. Allow 3 hours. FREE, no site donation required from women members.

4 The Heart of Holyoke

Begin at The Trustees of Reservations

Office, 193 High Street, Holyoke

Created with the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club, this Quest uncovers the secrets of the Dwight Street area. From historic mill sites, fancy hotels, and canals to the old opera house and “Depot Square,” enjoy a journey back to the 1800s. Quest clues available (in English and Spanish) at The Trustees office during business hours. Call 413.533.1631 or 3 for more information. Allow 45 minutes to 1 hour.

5 Rocks, Rhymes, & Revolution

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, Sheffield
Walk through a mystic forest that once sheltered Mohicans, learn how European settlers tapped the riches of a bountiful land, and see where Mumbet was inspired by ideas of equality to help end slavery in Massachusetts. Quest clues available at Visitors Center. Allow a minimum of 1.5 hours. No fee. FREE (No membership required). Allow 45 minutes to 1 hour. (space reserved for all ages)



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October 28, 2006 | 9AM - NOON

We all want to protect and share our special places — that's why we're Trustees. So grab your family and friends and join us. Whether you're looking to break a sweat building trails or simply enjoy seeing a rake in your kids' hands, there are family activities and volunteer opportunities for everybody. We need people to put up posters, welcome workers, haul brush, build bridges, deadhead rhododendrons, and more.

BRING A PICNIC AND MAKE A DAY OF IT!

(and bring the kids for these family-friendly events “**”)

Greater Boston

THE BRADLEY ESTATE, CANTON* - Give the formal garden and kitchen garden some PRC (pruning, raking, and cleaning).

NOANET WOODLANDS, DOVER* - Clear brush and debris from trails and the Noanet Dam's wheel pit on the Dover Union Iron Works site. Then hike to Noanet peak to see the fall foliage around Boston.

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD* - Weed and rake to put this Revolutionary landscape to bed for the winter. Afterwards, picnic on the banks of the Concord River.

Northeast

APPLETON FARMS GRASS RIDES, HAMILTON* - Clean and clear the historic trails of the Grass Rides.

COOLIDGE RESERVATION, MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA - Fall cleaning calls — clear brush and leaves around Clarke's Pond.

CRANE BEACH, IPSWICH - Hack back plants invading the dunes, including poison ivy. Stay for the Shifting Dunes walk at 3:30PM (SEE PAGE 19).

CRANE WILDLIFE REFUGE, IPSWICH - Take a boat to Choate and beat back the bittersweet.

LONG HILL, BEVERLY - Step up and build steps from cedar logs for a hiking trail.

OLD TOWN HILL, NEWBURY - Build a bridge and clear the trails.

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER - Remove brush from vistas and trails so we can see to the sea.

WEIR HILL, NORTH ANDOVER* - Clear weeds away in one satisfying day.

Southeast

COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER* - Use your two hands to restore “two-hander” stone walls along historic cart paths.

MOOSE HILL FARM, SHARON - Rebuild brick pathways and tend perennial beds so the “Sunken Garden” can rise again.

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM* - Rehab red cedars — trim some back, remove weeds from the grove, and clear trails.

Central

DOYLE RESERVATION / PIERCE PARK, LEOMINSTER* - At Doyle, clear brush and post signs to bring back a trail. At Pierce Park, weed, prune, and install new seating.

ROCK HOUSE RESERVATION / LUCY STONE TRACT, WEST BROOKFIELD* - Remove brush from the foundation of the historic Lucy Stone Homestead, create a trail, paint the Trailside Museum, and weed the butterfly garden.

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON - Put the campground to bed and repair trouble spots on the Tully Trail.

West

CHAPEL BROOK, ASHFIELD* - Rebuild the popular hiking trail up Pony Mountain. Work your way to the top for a great view of the Berkshires.

LITTLE TOM MOUNTAIN, HOLYOKE - Foster floral and faunal diversity with this old field restoration project.

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR* - Clear ski trails and fields to get ready for ski season.

TYRINGHAM COBBLE, TYRINGHAM* - Keep the forest from encroaching on the cobble.

The Islands

COSKATA-COATUE, NANTUCKET* - Clean up the far reaches of the beach.

MENEMSHA HILLS, CHILMARK - Undo the effects of erosion on trails and cut back vegetation.

MYTOI, CHAPPAQUIDDICK - Rake, deadhead, and mulch to prepare this Japanese Garden for winter.



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Finding a Garden's Roots

By Martha Eddison

SOME GARDENS FLAUNT THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GEOMETRY. Some wish you to know how much effort was involved. Some take a lot of starch. And then there are the gardens at Long Hill – rolling down from the house and blurring gently into the surrounding woodlands, relaxed and gracious as a linen suit on a summer day.

For 65 years, Long Hill was the retreat of Ellery Sedgwick, longtime editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*. In 1916, his first wife, Mabel Cabot Sedgwick, who wrote *The Garden Month by Month*, a noted guide to garden plants, began the gardens. After Mabel's death, Ellery's second wife, Marjorie Russell, took up the trowel — in the same spirit of serious horticulture and unfussy garden design.

Today, the Long Hill Garden Committee and Superintendent Dan Bouchard are two years into their five-year plan to bring the gardens back in tune with the Sedgwicks' guiding vision — rooting out invasive species, reworking vistas, and gradually reinvesting the five acres of garden rooms with new horticultural interest. For inspiration, they studied the family's journals, records, and photographs, which are part of The Trustees' archival collection. To see the earliest photographs — of a scraggy, unprepossessing drumlin dotted with small eastern red cedars, which tower over the site today — is to appreciate gardening as a matchless feat of hope and imagination.

Based in Cambridge, Martha Eddison is a freelance writer who works with ambitious nonprofits and institutions, and tends her own garden with cheerful but unruly results.

PHOTOS (TOP TO BOTTOM): The pagoda was placed by Mabel Sedgwick early in the development of the gardens. Such historical photos are invaluable in determining the intent of the gardens' creators; A new tree is planted in the gardens; The pagoda today.



FALL EVENTS!

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Learn the art of surf casting and life histories of some amazing fish! Our fishing naturalist will lead you by over-sand vehicle to legendary fishing beaches. *Members only: Adult \$60; Child (15 and under) \$25.*

Daily through October 9 | 9AM & 2PM
(TOUR TAKES 2.5 HOURS)

Wildlife Canoe/Kayak Tour*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Paddle through the marine habitats of Chappaquiddick with a naturalist and learn how humans affect the animals and plants that call Cape Poge Bay home. *Members: Adult \$30; Child (15 and under) \$15. Nonmembers: Adult \$35; Child (15 and under) \$18.*

*For the above events, transportation from the ferry is available if you register in advance.

Daily through October 9 | 9AM-5PM
Poucha Pond Self-Guided Tour

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Reap the benefits of Trustees membership paddling through Poucha Pond at your own pace with a self-guided trail map. *Members only. \$25 for 4 hours, \$35 for 8 hours (per canoe or kayak).*

Daily through October 9 | 9AM-5PM
(QUEST TAKES 3 HOURS)

Cape Poge Quest

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

A remarkable treasure hunt awaits as you search by over-sand vehicle through 516 acres of wildlife refuge for the Quest box. *Available to all over-sand vehicle permit holders. Materials available at Chappaquiddick Gatehouses.*

Daily through October | 9:30AM & 1:30PM
(TOUR TAKES 2.5 HOURS)

Natural History Tours

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799

A naturalist will guide you on this over-sand vehicle ride through Coskata-Coatue. Discover the human history and natural wonders of Nantucket's most expansive salt marsh.

*Members: Adult \$30; Child (12 and under) \$15.
Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Child (12 and under) \$15.*

Daily through October | 1-2PM
Open Lighthouse

GREAT POINT LIGHTHOUSE COSKATA-COATUE
WILDLIFE REFUGE, NANTUCKET 508.228.6799

The lighthouse is open! Trustees members can climb the Great Point Lighthouse and enjoy the view, while learning about this historic structure. Transportation to Great Point not provided. *Members only. FREE.*

Daily through October 9 | 9AM,
NOON, & 2PM (TOUR LASTS 1.5 HOURS)

Cape Poge Lighthouse Tour*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Travel by over-sand vehicle, drink in the views from atop the lighthouse, and learn of the people who watched over Cape Poge waters for nearly 150 years. *Members: Adult \$15; Child (15 and under) \$10. Nonmembers: Adult \$20; Child (15 and under) \$12.*



Volunteers needed!

Help Out & Have Fun at CONSERVATION WORKS!

October 28, 9AM-NOON

See page 12 for more on volunteering at:
Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Menemsha
Hills, and Mytoi.

On-going, Monthly | Call for dates & times Marine Debris Survey

CAPE FORD WILDLIFE REFUGE
CHAPLINQUIDDICK 508.627.3599

Spend two hours walking one of Martha's
Vineyard's most beautiful beaches as part of
The Ocean Conservancy's national study to
determine the sources of beach debris. *FREE.*

CENTRAL

Weekends through Columbus Day A Rustic Retreat

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND ROYALSTON
978.244.4955

Enjoy one last weekend of cool nights camping
under the stars and comfortable days for hiking
and paddling. *Call for reservations.*

Saturday, September 23 | 9AM-1PM Water-Bar Hoppin' II

PEAKED MOUNTAIN MONSON
978.248.9455

Water bars installed last year saved our trail.
Help us build on this success as we install the
last few. *Please pre-register. FREE.*

Saturday, September 30 | 9AM-2PM Brooks Woodland Preserve Workday

BROOKS WOODLAND PRESERVE, PETERSHAM
978.248.9455

Help with trail maintenance tasks. Bring
loppers, pruning saws, and lunch. All other
tools provided. *Please pre-register. FREE.*

Sunday, October 22 | 9:30AM Peaked Mountain Birthday Run / Walk

PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON 978.248.9455

Celebrate Peaked Mountain with this four-mile
run/walk. Proceeds support the property.
Birthday cake/medal ceremony after race.
*Please pre-register by September 30. Cost for run:
\$15 (\$20 if not pre-registered). Cost for walk: \$5
(\$10 to receive an event shirt). See Trustees'
website for application.*

Help Out & Have Fun at CONSERVATION WORKS! October 28, 9AM-NOON

See page 12 for more on volunteering at:
Doyle Reservation Rock House Reservation,
and Tully Lake Campground.

Friday, November 3 | 8:30AM-5:30PM

4TH ANNUAL Managing Land & Visitors Conference: Stewardship Challenges of Natural & Historic Places

DOYLE CONSERVATION CENTER, LEOMINSTER
978.840.4446

"Engaging the Public with Successful Actions"
is the theme for this year's conference for
on-the-ground stewards and managers.
Sponsored by our Putnam Conservation
Institute. *Registration and pre-payment required.*
Members: \$32; Nonmembers: \$37.

GREATER BOSTON

Open through October 31

Mondays-Saturdays | 10AM-5PM
Sundays & Holidays | NOON-5PM
(LAST TOUR BY 4:30PM)

The Old Manse in History

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Visit the centerpiece of Concord's political,
social, and literary revolutions and former
home of Emerson and Hawthorne. *Members:
FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$8; Senior/Student \$7;
Child \$5.*

Saturdays, September 9 & October 14 |
10AM-12:30PM

Paddling Back in Time

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Take a guided trip down the Concord River to
The Old Manse to see what inspired Emerson,
Thoreau, and Hawthorne. Bring your own
canoe or kayak or rent one locally (available
with advanced registration). *Reservations and
pre-payment required. Members: Adult \$8; Child
\$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$16; Child \$10.*

Thursday, September 30 | 1-2:30PM

Authors of Past and Present

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Renowned authors Deborah Noyes (*Angel
and Apostle*, based on Hawthorne's *The Scarlet
Letter*) and R. Todd Felton (*A Journey into
Transcendentalists' New England*) will hold
a presentation and book signing. *FREE.*

Sunday, October 15 | 1-4PM

The Great Scarecrow Affair

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, EAST WALPOLE
508.668.6136

Bring the family and build a scarecrow.
Organized by a neighboring bakery, proceeds
benefit Bird Park. Bring old clothes and milk
jug. Other materials and refreshments included.
Pre-registration not required, but helpful.
Family \$10; Individual \$5.

Saturday, September 16 | 9AM

Eagle Eye Institute's 4th Annual Hike-A-Thon

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND AND
THE TULLY TRAIL, ROYALSTON

Hike 5, 8, or 22 miles and help us reach
our goal of \$35K in support of The
Trustees of Reservations' work with Eagle
Eye Institute in providing environmental
learning, stewardship, and career programs
for underserved urban youth. Contact
Eagle Eye Institute at 817.866.5223 or
hikeathon@eagleeye.org for details and
registration information.



Saturday, October 7 | 10AM-4PM and Sunday, October 8 | NOON-4PM

From Land to Hand:

A Celebration of the Harvest and Landscape

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Join us for our fun, new, family-oriented event, and explore the historic relationship between the Manse and its surroundings, with heritage breed animals, demonstrations, tours, lectures, a reading of Emerson's "Nature," and other activities. Visit our website www.oldmanse.org for details. Suggested donation: \$3/person or \$10/family.



Saturday, October 21 | 9-10:30AM

As Leaves Fall...

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, EAST WALPOLE
508.668.6136

What causes the beautiful colors of autumn? Why do trees drop their leaves? Unlock these mysteries as we stroll through the park's ever-changing landscape. *Space is limited, pre-registration required. FREE.*

Saturday, October 28 | Tours begin every hour from 6:30-8:30PM

All-Hallows Eve

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Our popular Halloween event returns. Figure out clues to unlock another mystery of the Manse! Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$5; Child \$3. Nonmembers: Adult \$10; Child \$6.

Saturday, October 28 | 5:30-7:30PM

3rd Annual Pumpkins in the Park

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, EAST WALPOLE
508.668.6136

Join this community celebration of Halloween. Bring a carved pumpkin and small candle to illuminate the pathways and ponds. Enjoy ghoulish games, ghost stories, and treats. Costumes welcome. Pre-registration not required, but helpful. *FREE.*

Help Out & Have Fun at
CONSERVATION WORKS!
October 28, 9AM-NOON

See page 12 for more on volunteering at the Bradley Estate, Noanet Woodlands, and The Old Manse.



COMING IN DECEMBER...

Historic Holidays

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Visit www.theoldmanse.org for listings of The Old Manse's fun holiday events!

NORTHEAST

Saturdays, September 2, October 7, & November 4 | 1-3PM

Pinnacle to Pinnacle Stroll

APPLETON FARMS IPSWICH/HAMMILL
978.921.1944 X8815

Discover landscapes created by the Appleton family in the early 1900s — the Grass Rides, the Great Pasture, and family memorials that formerly adorned Harvard's Gore Hall Library. Meet at Highland Street parking area. Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult \$5.

Sundays, September 3-October 8 | 1-5PM

Paine House Guided Tours

GREENWOOD FARM IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Discover this 1694 house on its original salt-water farm location and surrounding walking trails. Tours focus on architecture, archaeology, and the Colonial Revival. Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult \$8; Child (6-12)/Student \$5. Group tours available on other dates by appointment. Grounds *FREE* to all.

Sundays, September 3-October 8 | 1-5PM

The Stevens-Coolidge House Guided Tours

THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE, NORTH ANDOVER
978.682.3580

Learn how the Coolidges transformed a family farm into a bucolic summer estate. House features original collections, murals, and garden glimpses. Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult \$8, Child (6-12)/Student \$5. Group tours available on other dates by appointment. Grounds *FREE* to all, 8AM-sunset.

Wednesdays & Thursdays, September 6-October 5 | 10AM-4PM

(TOURS ARE EVERY 1/2 HOUR)

Special Tours on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9

The Great House Tours

THE GREAT HOUSE AT THE CRANE ESTATE
IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

A national treasure of art, history, and culture, the 59-room mansion offers a glimpse of a by-gone era and breathtaking views of Crane Beach. Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult \$10; Child/Senior/Student \$8. No reservation necessary. Not recommended for children under 10.

Wednesdays & Thursdays, September 6-October 5 | 11:15AM-12:45PM

Historic Landscape Tours of Castle Hill

THE CRANE ESTATE IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X6815

Take a guided walking tour of this summer estate by the sea and learn about the designs of famed landscape architects, the Olmsted Bros. and Arthur Shurcliff. Comfortable footwear and water bottle recommended. Check at Gate House for meeting locations. No reservation necessary, not recommended for children under 10. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: FREE with \$5 admission to property.

Saturday, September 9 | 10AM-NOON

Family Quest Fest

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER

978.921.1944 X6815

The fastest-growing family recreational adventure this side of the Atlantic comes to Ravenswood Park. The Hermit's Haven Quest is a treasure hunt through the trails — following the clues reveals the Hermit's tales. FREE.

Sundays, September 10, October 8, & November 12 | 3-5PM

Farmstead Tour

WALDINGFIELD FARM, WILMINGTON

978.921.1944 X8815

Walk the meadows, planted fields, and cattle-grazing pastures of one of New England's oldest working farms. Visit historic buildings and the dairy during milking (ordinarily closed to the public). Meet at Waldingfield Road parking area. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5.

Tuesdays, September 12-October 31 | 9:30AM-12:30PM

Long Hill Plant Sales

LONG HILL, BEDFORD 978.921.1944

Unusual trees, shrubs, and perennials for sale, many propagated from the Sedgwick Gardens at Long Hill.

Saturday, September 16 | 10AM-2PM

Choate Island Day

CRANE WILLOW REFUGE AT THE CRANE ESTATE
BEDFORD 978.921.1944 X6815

Step on Choate Island and step back in time — preserved farm buildings and fields reveal centuries of agricultural life. Bring a picnic. Shuttle boat runs all day (last boat returns at 3PM). Recommended for families. Meet at Beach gate. Members: Adult \$10; Child \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$15; Child \$8.



GREAT HOUSE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Celebrate the season at the Great House at the Crane Estate in Ipswich. See our website for further information, or call 978.921.1944 x8815.

Friday, December 1 | 4-8PM; Saturday, December 2 | 10AM-4PM

Sunday, December 3 | NOON-4PM

A Gift for All to Enjoy – Holiday Open House

Pause during this busy season to appreciate the gift of the Crane Estate, a national treasure for all to enjoy. Music, decorations, and a display of reproduction antique Schylling Christmas toys add to the holiday splendor of the Great House. Families encouraged; cookies and cider will be served. Please bring a gift of an unwrapped toy for a child in need. Members: Adult \$8; Child/Senior (65+)/Student \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$12; Child/Senior (65+)/Student \$8.

Tuesday, December 5 | 10AM-NOON

Members-Only Breakfast with Santa (NEW!)

A special time for parents and toddlers to meet Santa. Bring your little one to enjoy storytelling, snacks, and the opportunity for a photo with Santa. Advance purchase necessary at www.craneestate.org. Members Only: Child \$25 (Adult accompanying child FREE).

Tuesday, December 5 & Wednesday, December 6 | 3:30-5PM

Children's Holiday Party with Santa

RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN AGE 2-6

Visit Santa and enjoy the reproduction antique toy display, Castle cookies, and Florence Crane's Holiday Punch. Children can make a keepsake ornament. Tickets are limited to keep Santa's line short. Advance purchase necessary at www.craneestate.org. Members: Child \$22 (Adult accompanying child FREE). Nonmembers: Child \$18 (Adult accompanying child FREE).

Sunday, December 10 | 3-5PM

Holiday Concert – The Trumpet (and Chorus) Will Sound

Cantemus, the North Shore's virtuoso chorus, joins us again for a rousing celebration. The 33-voice chamber chorus will perform music from around the world and across the centuries. Advance ticket purchase necessary (online purchase preferred at www.craneestate.org). Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35.

Saturday, September 16 | 11AM-3PM
(Rain Date: Sunday, September 17)
5th Annual Long Hill Family Picnic

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

A perfect day to spend outside in the garden with your family! Bring a picnic and enjoy activities for everyone. *FREE to all.*

Tuesday, September 19 | 10AM-NOON
Lovely Little Bulbs

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

Bulb expert Brent Heath will introduce you to a broad spectrum of "minor bulbs with major impact." *Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$30.*

Sunday, September 24 | 10AM-3PM
(Rain or Shine)
6th Annual Family Farm Day

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON
978.921.1944 X8815

Celebrate fall on the farm with hands-on family activities, music, food, and animals. *Members: \$15 per car. Nonmembers: \$25 per car. No pre-registration; tickets available at the gate.*

Tuesday, September 26 | 10AM-NOON
Ferns for Your Garden

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

Ferns create striking focal points, offer beautiful contrast, and boast hardy constitutions — learn from expert Cheryl Lowe what choices are best for your garden. *Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$30.*

Saturday, September 30 | 10AM-NOON
(Rain or Shine)

**Nature Journal Workshop:
Ready, Set, Draw**

HALIBUT POINT RESERVATION, ROCKPORT
978.921.1944 X8815

Join nature journalist, artist, and author Clare Walker Leslie for tips on observing closely by sketching. No previous drawing experience necessary; enthusiasm and curiosity recommended! *Recommended for families with children age 10 and older. Advance ticket purchase necessary. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Sundays, October 1, November 5, &
December 3 | 1-3PM
Wildlife Walks

CASTLE HILL AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Beyond the beach — the Crane Estate is an ecological treasure and perfect place for a stroll. Recommended for adults and children over 12. Bring binoculars. Meet at the Inn Gate at Castle Hill, parking at the barn area. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5 (for parking).*

Tuesday, October 3 | 10AM-NOON
Of Cabbage Trees and Kiwis...

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

Join Hatsy Shields, gardens and travel journalist, for photos and stories about Garden Open Days on the south island of New Zealand. *Seating is limited. Pre-registration recommended. Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$30.*

Monday, October 9 | 2-4PM
Equestrian History

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON
978.921.1944 X8815

Visit rich equine history sites and see the past come alive as the Myopia Hunt rides to the hounds during a simulated fox-hunting meet. *Pre-registration required. Directions sent to registrants. Members: Adult \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$8.*

Tuesday, October 10 | 3:30-5:30PM
How to Dig a Hole!

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

Plants need a good start to thrive — get some hands-on practice with the Long Hill staff as they show you how to plant and transplant in the Sedgwick Gardens. *Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35.*

Saturday, October 14 | 8-10AM
Marsh Meander

CASTLE HILL AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Now a protected coastal treasure, meander along the marsh and explore how the value people placed on salt marshes has ebbed and flowed over the centuries. Meet at Inn gate. *Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5.*

Mondays, October 16, 23, & 30 | 4-5:30PM
Junior Farmer

RECOMMENDED FOR 4-6TH GRADERS

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON
978.921.1944 X8815

A first-hand farm experience. Your 4-6th grader (accompanied by a favorite adult) will discover that soil is not dirt, help with fall harvesting, and care for cows. *Limit 12 students. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Directions sent to registrants. Members: \$36. Nonmembers: \$50.*

Tuesday, October 17 | 10AM-NOON
Perennials from Spring Thaw to Frost

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

Carefully selected perennials can help provide a continuum of bloom and multi-seasonal interest. Respected nurseryman Leo Blanchette will share his favorites. *Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$30.*

Saturday, October 21 | 10AM-NOON
Mt. Ann Foliage Hike

CAPE ANN, GLOUCESTER
978.921.1944 X8815

Enjoy a splendid coastal view during foliage season on a rare public hike on Mt. Ann (ordinarily closed to the public). *Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Directions sent to registrants. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Tuesday, October 24 | 10AM-NOON
Designing with Trees

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944

Explore Long Hill's glorious trees and learn their growth habits, hardiness, key characteristics and requirements, seasons of interest, longevity, and lots of practical knowledge you won't find in textbooks. *Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35.*

Friday, October 27 | 7-10PM
**The Art of Essex County
Artist Reception & Art Sale**

THE GREAT HOUSE AT THE CRANE ESTATE,
IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and music. View and purchase original works of art inspired by Trustees' Northeast properties. Proceeds benefit artists and The Trustees. *Advance ticket purchase necessary (online purchase preferred at www.craneestate.org). Members: \$40. Nonmember: \$50.*

Saturday & Sunday, October 28 & 29 |
10AM-5PM

Open House Art Show & Sale

THE GREAT HOUSE AT THE CRANE ESTATE,
IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

View and purchase paintings, sculpture, and photography of Trustees' properties from Cape Ann to Andover. *FREE and open to the public.*

**Help Out & Have Fun at
CONSERVATION WORKS!**
October 28, 9AM-NOON.

See page 12 for more on volunteering at: Appleton Farms, Coolidge Reservation, Crane Beach, Crane Wildlife Refuge, Long Hill, Old Town Hill, Ravenswood Park, and Weir Hill.

Saturday, October 28 | 3:30-5PM
Shifting Dunes

CRANE BEACH AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Starting at the ocean's edge, follow the dune building process and discover a variety of habitats as you move inland. *Limited to 15. Meet at Beach gate. Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.*





ARCHITECTURAL LECTURE SERIES 2006:

Women Who Found Their Place

CASTLE HILL AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.356.4351

The 4th-annual lecture series highlights women landscape architects of the early 20th century. Space limited; advance ticket purchase recommended. Members: \$15 Nonmembers: \$25. (Special price for all three lectures. Members: \$40 Nonmembers: \$60.) Self-tour the David McKenney-designed Great House beginning at 5:30PM.

Thursday, September 21 | 6:30-7:30PM

Lured from the Parlor: Women in Landscape Design and Gardening

Award-winning landscape designer Lucinda A. Brockway explores the changing role of women and the land, and North Shore women's early career choices in landscape architecture and garden design.

Thursday, October 19 | 6:30-7:30PM

The Gardens of Ellen Shipman

Landscape historian and author Judith B. Tankard will discuss the sensual, secluded landscapes of Ellen Shipman, who designed 650 gardens between 1914 and 1950 and established a thriving, all-female practice in New York.

Thursday, November 16 | 6:30-7:30PM

The Maine Work of Beatrix Farrand

Beatrix Farrand, America's first female landscape architect, considered Maine to be her "spiritual base." Patrick Chasse of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum will discuss the work of this pioneering "landscape gardener."

Saturday, November 4 | 10-11:30AM

Composting for Home

ARLINGTON FARM, IPSWICH/HAMILTON
978.921.1944 X8812

Join composting experts for tips on easily setting up a home compost unit. Please pre-register. Directions sent to registrants. Members: Adult \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$8.

Saturday, November 18 | 9AM-NOON

Brisk Beach Hike

CRANE BEACH AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
978.921.1944 X8815

Hike four miles of sand — a gift of spacious conservation land. Recommended for adults and children over 12. Limited to 15. Meet at Beach gate. Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.

SOUTHEAST

Wednesdays in September | 10-11AM

Story Hour

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233

Barnyard stories come to life when your child gets to meet the main characters. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3.

Fridays through Fall | 9:30AM

Senior Walking Club

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.6665

Join other local seniors for a stroll of World's End every Friday. All ages and abilities welcome. Walks take place rain or shine. FREE.

Saturdays through November 4 | NOON-3PM

Open Barnyard at Weir River Farm

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233

One hundred years ago, family farms were common in Hingham. Come see The Trustees' efforts to preserve one of town's last examples. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3.

Saturday, September 16 | 1-4PM

Coastsweep 2006 at World's End

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.6665

The Trustees partner up with Coastal Zone Management and The Ocean Conservancy for this annual beach cleanup. Take an active role in preserving the beauty of World's End. All materials provided. FREE.

FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS...

Autumn Outings

WORLD'S END, WEIR RIVER FARM, NORRIS RESERVATION, & TURKEY HILL 781.740.7233

Connect with your child while he or she connects to these special places and the natural wonders waiting. Please pre-register by calling 781.740.4796. Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55.

SESSION I

AGES 2-3 Tuesdays, September 19-October 17 | 10-11:30AM

AGES 4-5 Wednesdays, September 20-October 18 | 10-11:30AM

SESSION II

AGES 2-3 Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29, & December 6 | 10-11:30AM

AGES 4-5 Tuesdays, October 31-November 28 | 10-11:30AM

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Ecosplorations

WORLD'S END WEIR RIVER FARM & TURKEY HILL
781.740.7233

Join us for this unique experience where we sharpen observation skills to uncover the history and ecology of our properties. Please pre-register by calling 781.740.4796. Members: \$48. Nonmembers: \$66.

SESSION I

AGES 5-6 Tuesdays, September 19-October 17 | 3:30-5PM

AGES 7-10 Wednesdays, September 20-October 18 | 3:30-5PM

SESSION II

AGES 5-6 Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29, & December 6 | 3:30-5PM

AGES 7-10 Tuesdays, October 31-November 28 | 3:30-5PM

Saturday, September 23 | 10AM-NOON
Fungus Foray

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIOSERVE
FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Learn to appreciate the delicate beauty of this often overlooked kingdom of forest life on an introductory walk with amateur mycologist Joe Metzen of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. *FREE.*

Saturday, October 14 | 10AM-NOON
Opening of East Over Reservation

EAST OVER RESERVATION, ROCHESTER
508.679.2115

Come celebrate the permanent protection of one of the South Coast's landmark family farms and the public opening of our newest special place. *FREE.*

Saturday, October 21 | 1-3PM
Archaeology Day at Copicut Woods

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIOSERVE,
FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Look closely to discover hidden artifacts on an archaeological dig at the 19th-century Miller Farm site. *FREE.*

Help Out & Have Fun at CONSERVATION WORKS!

October 28, 9AM-NOON

See page 12 for more on volunteering at: Copicut Woods, Moose Hill Farm, and World's End.

Friday, November 10 | 10-11:30AM
Family Farm Hands

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233

Bring your whole family for a fun-filled day to help us button up the barnyard for its winter nap. *Space limited. Please pre-register by calling 781.740.4796. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5 per family.*

Saturday, November 11 | 10AM-NOON
Roadside Geology

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIOSERVE
FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Natural forces have shaped the landscape of Massachusetts over millions of years. Discover this hidden history all around us with *Roadside Geology of Massachusetts* author James Skehan. *FREE.*



Saturday, October 14 | NOON-3PM

Weir River Farm Fall Festival

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM
781.740.7233

Share the joy of harvest on the farm. Bring your family and join your community for festivities including games, pony rides, music, and more. *Members: \$3. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Sunday, November 19 | 2-4PM

Weir River Farm: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM
781.740.7233

You're invited for a guided tour of the property to learn more about the tradition of people whose passion has enabled us to protect this special place. Refreshments after tour. *FREE.*

Saturday, December 2 | 9AM-NOON
Milliken Path Restoration

WHITNEY CHAPEL WOODS
HINGHAM COHASSET 781.740.7233

The Milliken Memorial Path was planted more than 80 years ago and is a treasured part of this property. Join us to restore its glory! Meet in lot at top of Turkey Hill. *FREE.*

Saturday, December 2 | 6-8PM
Full Moon Night Hike

SQUOON RIVER RESERVE, DARTMOUTH
508.679.2115

Enjoy a moonlight walk to experience the changes that winter brings to the landscape and the night sky. *FREE.*

WEST

Thursdays through October | 9-11:30AM
Volunteer Work Party

BARTHOLOMEW COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Work with staff on trail and woodland maintenance projects. *Fun and FREE.*

Saturdays & Sundays through October 9
(and Columbus Day) | 1-5PM
Tours of the William Cullen Bryant Homestead

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.634.2244
Take a guided tour of this National Historic Landmark, boyhood home and adult summer residence of America's foremost 19th-century poet. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child \$2.50.*

Saturdays & Sundays, September 2-October 9
(and Columbus Day) | 1-5PM
William Cullen Bryant: Traveler or Tourist?

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.634.2244
Bryant made seven major trips abroad in the 1800s, yet his most beloved place was the Homestead. This exhibit features artifacts, photos, and reflections from his travels. *FREE.*

Saturdays & Sundays, September 2-October 9
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I Spy! FOR KIDS 3-9

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.634.2244

Be a detective! Discover the Homestead's secrets on this self-guided walk using a hands-on "SPY PACK." All children must be accompanied by an adult. Members: Child \$4. Nonmembers: Child \$6.

Saturday, September 16 | 9AM-NOON

Bear Swamp Workday

BEAR SWAMP, ASHFIELD 413.684.0148

Known for its ecologically diverse forests, help keep the property pristine — join the Local Committee to attack some minor invasive plant problems. Please pre-register. FREE.



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Friday, September 15 | 11AM-3PM

If They Close the Door on You, Go in the Window

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S OLD STONE STORE, SHEFFIELD 413.298.8146

A symposium, with the Sheffield Historical Society, on the implications of race on history and Southern Berkshire County. Presenters include Dr. Joanne Pope Melish, author of *Disowning Slavery*, and Margaret L. Vetare. \$10.

Friday, September 15 | 3:30-4:30PM

Ashley House Dedication

ASHLEY HOUSE, SHEFFIELD 413.298.8146

An open house for the dedication of the Ashley House — home of Mumbet, the slave who helped end slavery in Massachusetts — as the first anchor site to officially open along the African American Heritage Trail. FREE

Saturdays through September | 10AM-2PM & Sundays through September | 11AM-3PM

Exhibits at the Old Stone Store

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S OLD STONE STORE, SHEFFIELD 413.298.8146

Explore exhibits on African American heritage and history in southern Berkshire County, the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail, and Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman. FREE

Sunday, September 17 | 1-2:15PM

Introduction to Estate Planning

Also September 17 | 2:30-3:30PM

Estate Planning Options for Conservation

GRANVILLE TOWN HALL 413.268.8219

Come to one or both of these presentations with Attorney Elizabeth Wroblecka on how to use land conservation tools to pass your assets and land to the next generation. Please pre-register. FREE.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY: The Untold Story of an Invisible Community

Sundays, September 17-October 1 |
9:30AM-12:30PM

Saturdays, October 7-21 & Columbus Day |
10AM-1PM

Housatonic Paddle

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Paddle the winding Housatonic with a naturalist and explore its rich and varied habitats. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and binoculars. All other equipment is provided. Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$20; Child (10-16) \$10. Nonmembers: Adult \$30; Child (10-16) \$15.

Thursday, September 21 | 7-9PM

Saturday, November 18 | 1-3PM

Woods Forum: Making Informed Decisions

MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL (SEPTEMBER 21) AND
CHARLEMONT INN, CHARLEMONT (NOVEMBER 18)
413.268.8219

UMass Extension forestry professionals will provide tools and guidance on forest management and conservation. Join woodland owners, conservation groups, and resource professionals to share information about selling land or timber. FREE.

Saturday, September 23 | 5:30-6:45PM

A Musical Journey around the World

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Come to Hurlburt's Hill for an outdoor performance with members of *World Music of Nana* and *Gaia Roots* featuring the Indian Sitar, Greek Byzantine Bouzouki, Australian didgeridoo, Sufi frame drums — and Afro-Cuban drums, and vocal arrangements in various world languages. Bring a picnic. Please arrive by 4:45PM to travel to the concert site. Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$12. Children under 12 FREE.

Sunday, September 24 | 1-4PM

7th Annual Autumn Antique Appraisal

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.634.2244

Kimball's Auction and Estate Services appraises art, furniture, or other collectibles for an instant assessment in the Homestead's red barn. Refreshments available. Appraisals cost \$5 for one or two items and \$7 for three items (limit three per person).

Thursday, September 28 | 7-8:30PM

Introduction to State Landowner Programs

STANTON HALL, HUNTINGTON 413.268.8219

Learn about the benefits and requirements of

these state programs for forest landowners: Forest Stewardship Program, Forest Viability, the Landowner Incentive Program, and Chapter 61. *FREE.*

Saturday, September 30 | 9-11AM
Nordic Ski Training at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

Join USSIA-certified coach Ed Hamel for dryland ski training and technique. Geared toward classical skiing with some skating information. Bring ski poles and water.

Please pre-register. FREE.

Saturday, October 7 | 1-3PM
Rivulet Trail Walk & Poetry Reading

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.634.2244

Enjoy the fall foliage and tour the Old Growth Forest, reading Bryant's poetry inspired by this very site. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$4; Child (6-12) \$2.*

Saturday, October 7 | 7-9PM
In Quest of the Eastern Cougar

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Join Robert Tougas, author of *In Quest of the Eastern Cougar – A History on Extinction or Survival*, for a slide presentation, discussion, and book signing. *Please pre-register. Members/Nonmembers: \$5 contribution.*

Saturdays, October 14 & 21 | 7:30-9:30PM
Owl Prowl — In Search of the Silent Flyers

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Owls hunt swiftly, accurately, and silently — learn how they do it and listen to great-horned, barred, saw-whet, and screech owl calls as we try to draw them in. *Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$4; Child FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$6; Child \$2.*

Sunday, October 22 | 2-5PM
The Colors of Petticoat Hill

PETTICOAT HILL RESERVATION, WILLIAMSBURG
413.532.1631 X13

Learn to identify trees by their fall colors during peak foliage season and explore a new trail extension developed by a local community trails group. *Please pre-register. FREE.*

Help Out & Have Fun at
CONSERVATION WORKS!
October 28, 9AM-NOON

See page 12 for more on volunteering at: Chapel Brook, Little Tom Mountain, Notchview, and Tyringham Cobble.



Sunday, October 29 | 10AM-1PM
New England's Own Giant — The Noble White Pine: A Celebration

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.634.2244

Celebrate the Homestead's renowned white pines. Bob Leverett lectures; Will Blozan climbs, measuring a giant tree; the pines are named for poets. Bring your lunch; beverages provided. *Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$10; Child (6-12) \$8; Nonmembers: Adult \$15; Child (6-12) \$12.*

Saturday, November 11 | 9AM-2PM
7th Annual Waterfowl Census

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600

Travel with experienced birders to several lakes in northwestern Connecticut and learn about our migratory waterfowl. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. *Please pre-register. FREE.*

Saturday, November 11 | 10AM-1PM
Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Sale

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

Outfit the family with good used ski equipment or find a bargain for yourself. Consignments accepted. Sponsored by Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Club.

Saturday, December 2 | 8AM-4:30PM
Ski Season Starts at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

Notchview opens for early season skiing on 40km of trails with 25km groomed for classical and skating. Call for conditions or visit www.xcskimass.com. *Members: Reduced rate. Non-members: Adult \$10; Child \$3.*

Saturday, December 9 | NOON-4PM
Notchview Christmas Tree Sale

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

We have a selection of 5- to 7-foot organically grown trees. If you can't make it on that day, give us a call. *Trees \$20.*

Saturday, December 23 | 10AM
Berkshire Trails Ski Race, Criterion Format

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR
413.684.0148

This criterion format race was quite popular last year. The leader's pace determines the number of laps one must ski. *Open to all, classical technique. Members (and Berkshire Trail Members): \$10. Dual Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$20.*

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